

COUNCIL CONSIDERS FIRE HALL

Sells Some Land, Grants Several Petitions

And Does Other Business of Public Interest.

The city council in session Wednesday waded through considerable business.

A petition presented by the Logan Butchers' and Grocers' Association sometime ago was reported by the Committee on license as a proper one to be granted with the change that license be issued the peddlers and solicitors, named, for a period of thirty days instead of three months as suggested; this license, \$3.00 and \$1.00 a day respectively, to be paid in advance. The council accepted report and adopted the recommendation.

The committee on finance, which has been investigating the means of getting money to build a fireman's hall reported that they believe it possible for the city to use \$6,000 borrowed from the general fund for the purpose of a new unit for the light plant. The committee recommended that \$6,000 be transferred from light fund to general fund and used. This was referred until next meeting.

Messrs. I. S. Smith, R. A. Ballantyne, G. W. Thatcher and A. F. Cardon asked for an extension of water mains along a certain portion of the boulevard. This was referred to the waterworks committee.

Olaf Cronquist asked the privilege of constructing a flume across Canyon road one half mile below the Logan river bridge at the mouth of the canyon and this was granted.

It was represented that Mrs. Hannah Jacobsen is willing to compromise in her case against the city. If she will make that representation to the council the compromise will probably be effected.

It was ordered that the rock crusher be put to work and that the people be allowed to haul to their sidewalks the shale made by the crusher, this to be done under direction of the street supervisor.

F. W. Thatcher, guardian, asked for the remission of \$19.50 mortgage tax. This had been investigated by Attorney Sneddon who recommended that petition be granted and it was so ordered.

Pres. Lindquist stated that it was by mistake that Mr. Carlson had been placed on cemetery committee instead of Mr. Carlisle. The difficulty was straightened satisfactorily.

A special meeting will be held next Wednesday to consider report of committee on Municipal Laws prescribing the mode of assessment and collection of special taxes.

The city proposes to find out what the Independent Phone Co. now owes the city and passed the matter up to the Attorney for investigation.

It was ordered that the waterworks committee advertise for bids to lay water mains and to do the city's plumbing for two years.

Albert Bernston, city building inspector, asked for a free phone but the council wouldn't give it to him.

Mrs. Jennie P. Slater bid \$135 for a piece of ground near the Parry school building and the bid was accepted.

John H. Rosengreen bid \$15.00 for a tract of land up on the bench and this was accepted also.

Hewlett's Three Crown, made in Utah.

Asiaties Overrun Natal.
English inhabitants of the Transvaal are much worried over the increase in the Asiatic elements in the population. Already in Natal the Asiatics outnumber the Europeans. In Natal, too, the white retail trade has been almost eliminated as a result of Asiatic competition.

Woodmen, Attention.

Yourself and wife or friend are cordially invited to a social entertainment next Tuesday evening 8 p. m. Given under the auspices of the Social Committee, Camp 747. W. of World.

THE HAPPENINGS UP AT PRESTON

Stake Conference, a New Opera House Soon,

A Commercial Club, Two Deaths, Etc., Etc.

PRESTON, Feb. 23.—The quarterly conference of the Oneida Stake was held in the auditorium of the O. S. Academy on the 17th and 18th. Those of the church authorities present were President Francis M. Lyman, Patriarch John Smith, Elder B. H. Roberts and Mrs. Lydia D. Alder. The conference was very well attended and a fine spirit prevailed throughout. At the Sunday afternoon meeting there were over 1300 in attendance and it was necessary to hold an overflow meeting in order to accommodate all. On Wednesday evening before returning to Salt Lake, Mrs. Lydia D. Alder gave a lecture on her travels in the Holyland. The lecture was well attended and much appreciated by all.

The New Opera House.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Preston opera house held Monday evening it was decided to call immediately for bids for the construction of the house. All rock work is to be finished by April 1st, all brick work to be finished by June 1st. The building is to be closed in by August 1st and the work all completed and the building turned over by Nov. 1st. This announcement, no doubt, will correct the impression that has recently been circulated by a click of agitators (knockers) that the enterprise had fallen through and that all stock subscribed in the Preston opera house company was to be turned over to a new company that was going to build a house up in the saloon district.

A Commercial Club.

A mass meeting will be held in the old district school house on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a commercial club. A number of the leading citizens have signed a petition asking for such an organization. We hope that such an organization will surely be effected, as it is just what has been needed for a long time that the public interests may be better served in promoting new enterprises instead of having things move to the benefit of a certain few agitators, as has been the case in the past.

Two Deaths.

On Tuesday, Mr. James Barrington, of Riverdale, died of pneumonia. Mr. Barrington was 55 years of age and one of the first to settle in Riverdale. On Monday the two year old baby boy of Leslie Neeley, of Riverdale, died. Both funerals will be held on Friday in the Riverdale meeting house.

Mr. A. C. Chadwick went to Salt Lake on Wednesday in the interests of the Preston Knitting Works. The knitting factory is now comfortably located in the new Jensen block. Knitting machines will be in operation in a few days.

Mr. T. W. Smith, former manager of the B. Y. U. basketball team, went down to Logan today to witness the games between the Provo team and the B. Y. and A. C. teams of Logan to be played on Friday and Saturday.

Miss Hannah Jackson, the dressmaker, has removed to Smithfield where she intends to make her future home. She will be greatly missed on account of the large business she carried on here in the dressmaking line.

Last Friday night the boys who participated in the rabbit hunt gave a dance at Hobbs's opera house.

Mr. O. D. Merrill shipped two carloads of cattle to Denver markets today.

White River Country.

That great stretch of country between Carthage, Mo., and Newport, Ark., is now open, the White River Line having been opened January 21st. This country is wonderful in its possibilities. Inquiry of the Missouri Pacific Railway will bring full particulars.

BLUE BELL MINE IS BONDED

Los Angeles Man Acquainted with Property Arranges \$40,000 Option.

A mining deal that may prove to be of no little importance was consummated in Logan this week. This deal is one wherein the Blue Bell Mining Co., with claims south of Avon, has bonded its property for \$40,000, with an eighteen months limit. The gentleman who takes this property is one Mr. G. H. Hooper, of Los Angeles, who was in Logan this week, signed all papers and posted a \$200 forfeit to begin development work just as soon as he can get to the prospect.

The Plan.

Mr. Hooper proposes to do not less than \$500 worth of development work each month from now until October 1st. At that time he will pay the company \$10,000 or give up the property. Should he continue with it, \$10,000 will be paid at the end of the following six months and the remaining \$20,000 within the eighteen months. Mr. Hooper represents that he and the men with whom he is associated have sufficient money to do development work and carry the \$40,000 investment.

Great Confidence.

Mr. Hooper has been in the Blue Bell property at various times, knows the extent of work done, has had the ore assayed, in fact is thoroughly familiar with the property. He believes that a reasonable amount of development work will bring the property into great prominence and that big capital to push it to a successful mine can then be secured.

Mr. Hooper has such confidence in the property that despite the fact that the Blue Bell claims are on a railroad section and that difficulty is entirely probable, he is not afraid of putting

his money into it. It will be remembered that the Blue Bell was incorporated last spring with the idea of selling stock and pushing work, but it was learned then that their claims are on railroad ground, and the company did not have the nerve to sell stock under such conditions, and the Blue Bell dropped out of sight until now.

Present Showing.

Up to the present time not less than \$6,000 has been spent on the property. Possibly as much as 500 or 600 feet of tunneling has been done, not to the greatest advantage, however. The ore from these tunnels shows more than 4 per cent copper, but this is the least favorable showing it is said. Men of this valley who know something of mines and veins say that there is a vein there from 20 to 40 feet wide. Experts who have been to this prospect, even including those sent by Col. Mills of the Southern Pacific, say that the vein is not less than 80 feet in width, clearly defined and undoubtedly containing ore of high values.

Could Have Sold.

This property is owned largely by Hon. Joseph Howell, Andrew Neilsen, of Hyrum, John and Jas. Squires, and it is said these gentlemen might have sold this property on different occasions. Once \$10,000 was offered, then \$15,000, and later \$18,000. They wouldn't sell, but this was before they knew the claim was on railroad land.

It is to be hoped that Hooper really means business and that his faith will not go unrewarded. It is said that Hart & Nebeker have been retained to do any fighting that is necessary to hold the ground.

College Ward Case of Rape

Given to Public through Salt Lake Paper. Officials to Investigate Matter.

That case in College Ward, in which one Nessler is accused of having carnal relations with three children of different families in that vicinity—a case in which effort has been made to keep the particulars from public knowledge and the case from attention by the civil officers—has at last been spread to the world in detail through The Salt Lake Tribune. That publication features the story in the first column of its Friday morning edition and presents all the salient points of the case in its relation to the children, the parents, the church authorities, the civil law and the officials.

The Story of The Case.

Condensed, The Tribune's story is this: One Nessler alleged to be guilty of improper conduct board ship in his transit to this country, now a resident of College ward, some months ago was alleged to have had carnal relations with at least three children under fourteen years of age, children of residents of the ward. The parents sought to have the miscreant brought to justice, but officials of the ward deemed other action best. It is alleged that Nessler confessed his heinous crime to them, was forgiven and the parents urged to forgive him also. The forgiveness of rape seemed a difficult thing, and protest has been made in a quiet way. Though the knowledge of the crime has become general, no action by the civil authorities has been taken, because, as the Tribunes states, the officials say they have no authority until the parents swear to a complaint.

There is much detail about the article, which THE REPUBLICAN does not care to print, but the families concerned are those of A. Koller, Neubert, Sorenson and Spethe, the daughter of

the latter, however, having been able to resist the advances of the brute who would have had relations with her.

Attorney Will Investigate.

The point of greatest interest about the article is the statement that County Attorney Walters has signified a willingness to push an investigation of the case. If this case is as represented in The Tribune and as it has come to THE REPUBLICAN at different times, we believe every man of character in this county will stand by the civil authorities in pushing this matter to the limit.

Another View.

DEAR EDITOR—The comment made on Madame Modjeska is very unfair: to say that she is traveling on a "reputation of the past" is absurd. Modjeska knows when to retire GRACEFULLY from the stage, and not wait until the public pushes her off. Her acting is realistic, which is the highest praise you can accord an artist. Those who did not appreciate her rendering of "Mary Stuart" have no conception of the true artist; and the "rushing age" must not rush by so quickly that they fail to catch the finest bits of acting. No one can take the place of Helena Modjeska for a few years to come and when the American stage loses her it loses one of the world's greatest artists. As Lady Macbeth she is incomparable, and could Logan's "rushing age" see the great diva in the sleeping walking act they would not say she was traveling on a "past reputation."

ONE WHO KNOWS.

THE CACHE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Has Fair Assurance of a "Cut-off" Being Built.

And it is Believed Logan will be Common Point.

A special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cache Commercial Club Wednesday evening was made memorable by the readiness with which business was dispatched.

Minor communications were read and passed with rapidity. One of particular importance, a call by Fisher Harris, head of "See America First" movement, for a \$50 contribution to help in the immediate work necessary was voted.

The "common point" question came up for consideration. Mr. Hendrickson showing certain discrepancies in freight bills he had at hand. It developed that certain members of the Board felt that sufficient assurance had been given them to warrant the belief that the making of Logan a "common point" is now a matter of but a short time.

The "cut-off" across the valley figured in the consideration and it was deemed advisable to accept the company's present movements as good faith. Routes have been surveyed and constructing engineers have investigated. With private assurances given it seems beyond a doubt that we are to get a cut-off across the valley—that is, this is the least that will be given. It was hinted at that it is entirely possible that the O. S. L. officials may see it to their advantage to give us even more.

The matter of new industries and of advertising the city came up for consideration and there was manifested deep interest. In the evening's work it was demonstrated that the disposition is for committees to get down to business and make a showing.

The next meeting of the Board comes on March 7th. It is expected that various committees will be able to produce some definite proposition for consideration that night.

Wellsville.

WELLSVILLE, Feb. 22.—On the evening of the 15th, the commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Smurthwaite was the scene of great rejoicing, as that worthy couple were entertaining a number of their friends. Among those present, mention may be made of Hon. Lorenzo and Mrs. Hansen and Louis Watkins and wife, of Logan. After partaking of a bounteous repast, the evening was very pleasantly spent in vocal and instrumental music and various kinds of amusements.

On Sunday evening Elder George F. Phillips delivered a lecture before the officers, teachers and pupils of the Wellsville Sunday School, subject: "Punctuality and Obedience." The lecture was very instructive and was very much appreciated by all present.

On the 15th, the 6th and 7th quorum of Elders gave a social party in the new hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent. On the 16th, a grand ball was given in the pavilion. A number of prominent young people from Logan were there and a very nice time was had.

Last evening the Wellsville dramatic club gave the famous drama entitled "Simon Lee, or the Poacher's Doom." They had a full house, as it was for the benefit of the tabernacle.

On the 17th, Job Mellor, of our city, went to the Budge hospital and next day underwent an operation, a large stone being extracted from his bladder. At last account he was progressing very nicely.

Cheap Rates to Mexico.

Daily until April 7th the Colorado Midland will sell tickets from Ogden to City of Mexico and points north thereof for \$44.60. Sleeping cars thru to Denver without change. Now is the time to visit historic old Mexico. Beautiful illustrated books on Mexico and its people free. Write L. H. Harding, General Agent Salt Lake for further information. The Midland Route assures you the best service and scenery.

"GEORGE WASHINGTON PARTY"

Washington Couldn't but Geo. Torgeson Could

And When He Did he told an Awful Whopper.

Messrs. Dave Allen and Will Morrell entertained at the home of the latter Wednesday evening. The affair was "a George Washington," and from conversation it is gleaned that the evening's doings were of an exceptionally pleasant and enjoyable nature. The early hours were enlivened with a phonograph. As a rule the appearance of a phonograph on the scene is hardly to be hailed with delight, but when it is understood that the procedure so far as this particular machine is concerned was to sing into it and produce records, it may be believed that the phonograph really furnished pleasure. It is said that the results in this instance were wondrously surprising and mirth provoking to the limit.

The star feature of the occasion, however, was a "lying contest." This game is one in which the participants are given ten minutes in which to tell the biggest lie possible in a rhyme of not less than four lines. Not one of the participants in this instance had ever told a lie and it took at least seven minutes of the ten for any of them to begin. However, the result obtained in the last three minutes justifies the statement that none need to practice more than ten hours a day to become first-class prevaricators.

The slips were gathered up and read, and the right Reverend George Odell Studio Torgeson was voted the tallest liar of the bunch, the following rhymelet having brought him the wreath of laurel:

"I stole the Atlantic ocean,
And took it to the land of Goshen
I gave it to Marshal Crockett
Who gently thrust it in his pocket.

It is said that this was so easy for George that he wrote the rhyme in the last quarter of a minute of the time allowed. What he might do in full ten minutes is a matter of speculation, and if the gentleman could be prevailed upon to satisfy a public curiosity that is now sure to grow, THE REPUBLICAN tenders any column or columns on the first page with a promise of a first-class likeness of himself to be used in connection with anything that might be submitted. It might be mentioned that Mr. Torgeson was awarded the first prize, a diamond weighing four pounds.

This wonderful prevarication was not the startling feature of the game, however, but rather the demonstration that Orval Adams couldn't tell a lie at all. We all know that Mr. Adams isn't a mute, that he hasn't rheumatism in his fingers, graduated from the A. C. of U. Commercial department, and manipulated figures at The First National for a couple of years, yet he CAN'T tell a lie. This is a greater puzzle than "how cold is it when its twice as cold as two degrees above zero?" Mr. Adams was awarded a hatchet.

Following all this fun, Misses Maggie Morrell and Ivy Farr served a Washington supper. Hatchet place cards were used, and an elegant repast was served. The affair as a whole was undoubtedly very enjoyable.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Allen, Misses Zetta Curtis, Julia Nibley, Mae Hoff, Maggie Jones, Marian Hendricks, Myrtle Ballard, Ivy Farr, Maggie and Della Morrell; Messrs. Orval Adams, Preston Nibley, Tom McKay, Geo. Hendricks, Geo. Torgeson, Wm. Morrell.

In Italy.

The Italian country editor stepped to the case and put the following in type: "A returned banana peddler, who made a fortune in America and is said to be worth at least \$300, entered a tavern recently and knocked down one of the attendants because he did not black his boots quick enough. When remonstrated with by the landlord, he swelled up pompously, drew a large roll of money from his purse and asked the landlord what the tavern was worth. The actions of these vulgar rich are becoming almost unbearable."—Detroit News.